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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

SANDERS, JOHN L., et al

Serial No. : 10/708,614

Filed: March 15, 2004

ANIONIC POLYMERS COMPOSED OF  
DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND USES  
THEREOF

Docket No. 30621-DIV5-CIP1

Group Art Unit No. 1713

Examiner: Helen Lee Pezzuto

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22315-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated April 20, 2005, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.